



**LONG-TERM CARE
RESIDENTS' RIGHTS MONTH 2009
PROCLAMATION**

Whereas, there are nearly 160,000 seniors living in long term care and assisted living facilities in the Florida; and

Whereas, the federal Nursing Home Reform Act of 1987 guarantees residents their individual rights in order to promote and maintain their dignity and autonomy; and

Whereas, all residents should be aware of their rights so they may be empowered to live with dignity and self-determination; and

Whereas, we wish to honor and celebrate these citizens, to recognize their rich individuality, and to reaffirm their rights as community members and citizens, including the right to have a say in their care; and

Whereas, individuals and groups across the country will be celebrating Residents' Rights Month to emphasize importance of affirming these rights through facility practices, public policy, and resident-centered decision-making that impacts quality of care and quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEREBY PROCLAIMS THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2009 AS LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENTS' RIGHTS MONTH.

DONE AND PROCLAIMED this 13th day of October 2009, Sumter County Florida.

Attest:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SUMTER COUNTY

Connie Webb
Deputy Clerk

Garry Breeden
Chairman